

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 28, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--The mature polypeptide has homology with insulin (SEQ ID NO:20), relaxin 1 (SEQ ID NO:22), relaxin 2 (SEQ ID NO:21), INSL-4 (SEQ ID NO:24) and Leydig factor (SEQ ID NO:23), respectively, as shown in Figures 1A and 1B. Within this family, the cysteine motif is highly conserved in the B and A chains, where the B chain motif can be represented as LCGX{10}C, where X{ } is the number of any amino acid residues except cysteine (SEQ ID NO:16). The A chain motif is CCX{3}CX{8}C, where X{ } is the number of any amino acid residues, except cysteine (SEQ ID NO:17).--